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1. According to plans drawn up at the Berlin regional railroad headquarters, the second track of the (Berlin)-Drewitz-Belzig-Wiesenburg line is to be reconstructed in 1951.
2. The second track on the Berlin-Belzig-Wiesenburg-Dessau railroad line is to be reconstructed in 1951. The Soviets are greatly interested in this project. The Belzig-Wiesenburg section was to be completed in 1950. The necessary rail material is to be furnished by the Magdeburg railroad district, since rails are not available in the Berlin railroad district.
3. The Soviets are pressing for accelerated reconstruction of the second track on the Wiesenburg-Belzig railroad line. December 20, 1950 was mentioned as target date for the completion of this project. *

* Comment. The Belzig-Wiesenburg section, which is 15 km long, has many grades and thus creates difficulties in rail operations. It is part of the formerly double-track Berlin-Drewitz-Belzig-Wiesenburg-Magdeburg/Dessau line. The second track has already been reconstructed between Berlin and Drewitz. The reconstruction of the second track on the Belzig-Wiesenburg section, though already planned in early April 1950, had to be postponed because the necessary rails were not available. The latest slow-down regulations of the Berlin regional railroad headquarters for the period from 3 to 16 December 1950 do not contain any indications of intended track construction work on the line section mentioned.

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